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11-40 a.m. SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Sir, a petition by the Adivasis Kisan Sangham was also given to the Subdivisional Officer on the same lines as that of the residents of the area. Was the Secretary or any other Member of the Working Committee of that organization called?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. This Sangham gave a petition and also wanted that the enquiry should be made in the absence of the Adhikari. But, according to the Rules, only if the enquiry takes place in the presence of the Adhikari, action could be taken.

Eriyur Irrigation Scheme

* 2929 *Q.*—SRI N. PARAMASIVA UDAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Eriyur irrigation scheme has been fully investigated;

(*b*) if so, when the scheme will be taken up for execution; and

(*c*) the extent of land that will be irrigated by the scheme?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The plans and estimate are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). The question of sanctioning the scheme will be taken up on receipt and examination of the plans and estimate by the Government.

(*c*) About 680 acres.

Scholarships to backward communities

* 2930 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether students belonging to Reddi (Ganjam) community were given residential and non-residential scholarships as backward communities during the academic years 1953–54 and 1954–55 in the present Madras State; and

(*b*) the names of the Districts of these students?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Four students of Reddi (Ganjam) Community reading in the first year University course and one student in B.V.Sc. course, all belonging to Ramanathapuram district, were granted scholarships during 1954–55. Particulars relating to the years 1953–54 are not available.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Reddiars and Vellala